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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

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For: BIODEGRADABLE MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2008, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 23, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.